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Taylorsville Hosts Night Out Against Crime

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Tifanie Fitzgerald said she knew the Taylorsville Night Out Against Crime was a success when her 6-year-old son Conner reached out and grabbed the hand of a police officer.

“Conner was embarrassed when we pointed out that he was holding the officer’s hand, but I thought it was a huge thing,” Tifanie said. “At the event, my kids could get up close to the firefighters and police and know that the people who are in charge of our safety are safe people.”

Taylorsville’s annual public safety night on Aug. 11 was part of the National Night Out campaign, which intended to bring communities together by forming partnerships between residents and police. Tifanie said she believed the 2016 event was especially influential as trust between citizens and law enforcement continues to be a hot topic in the United States.

Children clamored around police cars and fire trucks, took pictures with law enforcement officers and practiced fire drills with members of Unified Fire Authority at the event. Boy Scouts earned merit badges through hands-on activities, and officers and firefighters welcomed questions from participants. A rock climbing wall, child car seat safety checks and K9 demonstrations were new to the annual, event, according to UPD Detective Scott Lloyd.

Adults received educational materials about how to keep their community safe, and many of them told police they wanted to start or improve their neighborhood watch programs.

The number of neighborhood watch programs in the Taylorsville community has doubled since Taylorsville’s first Night Out three years ago, according to Lloyd. Originally, people were opposed to neighborhood watch programs because they thought it was a way to get the residents to do the job of the law enforcement officers, according to Lloyd. Now residents see vigilant neighborhood watches as important, he added.



Firefighters from Unified Fire Authority blare their sirens at Taylorsville’s annual Night Out Against Crime event. —Tori La Rue

“They realize that we are all concerned about the same issues, and if our two groups work together—the community and law enforcement—we can achieve better progress.”

About 250 people, including eight Boy Scout troops, attended the event.

John Harris, a UFA paramedic, said his favorite part about the Night Out Against Crime was answering the children’s questions about what public safety officials do and giving them tours of the fire engines.

“This is really a young man’s job, so if we can get these kids interested in this career now, they’ll be here after the rest of us are all old and gone,” he said.

Colten Fitzgerald, 8, said he doesn’t know if he wants to be a firefighter, but said he’s not embarrassed to be around them anymore.

Two years ago, he and a friend pulled the fire alarm at their daycare while playing. Upon

arrival at the daycare, firefighters gave the boys a lecture, and Colton’s mother, Tifanie, made him write an apology letter.

“This was actually his next encounter with police officers, and it was a good one,” Tifanie said of the Night Out Against Crime. “It seemed to really help him with any residual effects he had about that incident.”

Each of Tifanie’s six children said they had fun at the safety fair.

“Can we come back here tomorrow night?” Katie Fitzgerald, 10, asked as her mom ushered the children to the car.

Lloyd said he’s grateful there were many children who participated in the Night Out. When children are interested in what police and firefighters are doing and want to help them, they are more likely to avoid crime in the future, he said. ✦

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Artist Brings the Colorado Plateau to His Alma Mater

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Ron Larson’s art shows spread across hundreds of miles in the 1970s. As a billboard artist, his pictorials appeared on I-15 and other highways from Ogden to St. George.

“It was there that I got a lot of experience in art by trial and error because there was always a deadline which means you had to work fast, and you got a ton of hands-on experience,” Larson said. “The work I did on billboards was so varied. You’d have to paint loaf of bread one day, a portrait the next or a car. That’s where I really honed in my skills as an artist.”

As computers started stealing the jobs of billboard artists in the mid-90s, Larson swapped his thick commercial paint brush with a smaller one, exploring the realm of landscape art seriously for the first time. Larson had never taken a formal fine art class, but his grandmother taught him a thing or two about oil painting while he was a child growing up in Taylorsville. He used his knowledge from billboard painting and his grandmother’s lessons to begin a new career in the fine arts realm.

Larson’s success wasn’t immediate, but over time his paintings were showcased in galleries, homes and museums across the country, and he gained accolades, including signature member status from the National Watercolor Society. His current and evolving project, Vistas & Visions of the Colorado Plateau, was first showcased in the John Wesley Powell Exhibit near Lake Powell before moving to Salt Lake Community College South City Campus’ George S. & Dolores Dore Eccles Gallery, where it was on display until Aug 4. Larson, a SLCC commercial art alum, said it is special to have his art featured at his

alma mater.

“When I talk with those people here, I say, ‘I am an alum,’ and they get excited that someone from here made it,” he said. “I think the best advice that I have for them is to not get discouraged. It is a hard road and with so many talented artists. The competition is fierce, but you have to have a thick skin and paint every day.”

Larson’s been adding brush strokes and new pieces to Vistas & Visions of the Colorado Plateau for 10 years. It’s a project that will never be complete, he said. Now Larson’s working on two paintings that he will add to the collection—one of the Grand Canyon and another of Lake Powell.

The Colorado Plateau is a 140,000-square mile-area of heightened rock mass that spans from the edge of the Rocky Mountains in Utah, down to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, over to the Aztec Ruins in New Mexico and back up through Mesa Verde to Black Canyon of the Gunnison in Colorado.

Larson camped in the Colorado Plateau during his teenage years, but he fell in love with its scenery while he was an artist-in-residence in the Lake Powell area. He’d paint the lake and its surroundings during the weekdays, and on the weekends he’d venture out to other areas, painting on site and snagging photographs that he’d tuck away to paint later.

“That was the start of it, and then the project just evolved,” Larson said “I think the best part about these paintings is getting to travel around that area. I love to explore it.”

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Ron Larson’s paintings hang in the George S. & Dolores Dore Eccles Gallery at his alma mater, Salt Lake Community College. —Tori La Rue



Ron Larson's paintings hang in the George S. & Dolores Dore Eccles Gallery at Salt Lake Community College's South City Campus. Larson, now a professional artist, grew up in Taylorsville and attended SLCC. —Tori La Rue

True to his billboard pictorial roots, Larson's paints the plateau with a "brushy" look, he said.

"My stuff looks rough, like a mess if you look up close, but if you step back, it goes into focus," Larson said.

Emma Eastman commented on Larson's style in his sign-in book.

"The brush strokes were simple and unapologetic, and they came together to create something amazing," she said.

Gordon Jiminez noticed Larson's "astonishing" portrayal of bodies of water in his oil painting "A New Day."

"He blended the water into the cliff with elegance and grace that are uncanny," he said.

"I am intrigued by this piece and interested in buying it to put in my 3-story bathroom."

SLCC was grateful to showcase such beautiful artwork, said Megan McDowell, art event director for the SLCC Gallery.

"Mr. Larson is a prolific artist, and we're always happy to showcase local artists," she said. "Some of Mr. Larson's works are in SLCC's collection and have homes in various places on campus, so it is a delight to have his exhibit here." ✦

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Library Creates Book Club for Youth in Juvenile Detention

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A youth reads a book at a Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services Center. The division partnered with Salt Lake County Library Services to create a book club for youth in short- and long-term detention centers. —Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services

Salt Lake County Library Services noticed a gap in services to youth in care and custody, so they partnered with Utah’s Department of Juvenile Justice Services to begin a book club within short- and long-term centers.

“Our job is to serve the entire public, and we’re not serving entire public if we’re not serving the people who can’t come to us,” said Carrie Rogers-Whitehead, senior librarian over teen services. “These teens are in a holding, transitional state in their lives, so to help them get powerful skills like reading—you don’t get many opportunities like that.”

The program was honored with an achievement award at the National Association of Counties’ Conference on July 22 in Long Beach, California, for bringing literacy to a specific subset of residents.

“It’s an honor to have received such an award because there are stereotypes that follow this group of youth, and to have them recognized as an important group to serve is amazing,” Rogers-Whitehead said.

Rogers-Whitehead said she hopes the recognition at a National conference will encourage other libraries to serve people who can’t come to them. The award-winning program may be the first of its kind in the nation, according to Rogers-Whitehead’s research.

The librarians facilitated traditional book clubs at Salt Lake Observation and Assessment, Decker Lake Youth Center and Wasatch Youth Center in 2013, but Rogers-Whitehead said she realized librarians needed to accommodate for varying reading levels. Now teens are invited to read books of their choice within their own reading level instead of being assigned the same book as their peers, and the club discussions are based on broad topics that many books relate to.

Susan Burke, director of Juvenile Justice Services, said the club enhances the youths’ learning and said it’s her belief that education can be a course-corrector for these teens. She believes the youths’ love for books will continue after they leave the center, and she said she hopes they’ll remember the library as a place of entertainment.

Each youth at the center is strongly encouraged to attend the book club meetings, which happen twice a month. Librarians cart hundreds of books into the centers—from history books to cook books to mystery novels and science fiction books. “Hellraiser,” “Fallen,” “The Hulk” and “The Guardian Herd Series” are a few of the most popular reads within the program.

Recently, the Utah Department of Education granted funding for the Library and Department of Juvenile Justice Services to purchase graphic novels for the program. The graphic novels have allowed teens with lower reading levels to be more actively involved in the club. Many of the youth learned English as a second language, and pictures give context clues to their readers and help the ESL learners to learn new English phrases, Burke said.

The youth have responded well to the program, so Burke said the department decided to expand reading programs at its centers. Soon, the University of Utah reading clinic, a resource designed to offer assessment and intervention to struggling readers, will begin a partnership with the Juvenile Justice Services.

“We get from the youth that they are excited about reading,” Burke said. “It gives them a place to have a shared discussion about reading and apply it to their past experience, and it opens a whole new world of imagination and opportunity to gain knowledge about themselves.” ✦

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Teens Explore Architecture, Engineering at Library

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A building prototype crashed to the floor as four teams of teens competed to create the tallest tower out of KEVA planks during a summer STEM camp at the Taylorsville library.

“Oh, you guys were so close,” volunteer instructor Melissa Ivie said as audible “nos” and gasps escaped the mouths of the four teens whose building was now a clump of blocks on the floor.

The teens scurried to make up for lost time, rebuilding their tower that ended up being the second-tallest building by the time the clock ran out. The three-hour camp continued with fundamental engineering lessons, architecture studies and bridge and home prototype construction. Salt Lake County Library Services and USU Extension partnered to bring the program to teens to engage them in learning activities during their summer break.

Mackenzie Bach, 15, and two of her younger siblings attended the camp, and she said it was a great activity for them to work on together that allowed them to get out of the house.

“It’s really fun,” Mackenzie said. “Usually we like playing video games and things, so it was nice to be able to do something real. I think it helps us to think a little so we’re not just brain dead all summer.”

Ivie watched as Mackenzie and the 15

other teens tried to make the most “earthquake-resistant building” with KEVA planks, thin, stackable building blocks. Some of the buildings were built in octagonal shapes. Others were made by stacking the blocks directly on top of each other in a rectangle. Ivie described the teens’ creation process as “very entertaining.”

“I love working with the kids when they learn new things,” she said. “I love engineering and STEM. They are passions of mine that I enjoy getting to do with other people. Just how cool these teens think STEM is makes it fun.”

Ivie, a computer science major at Utah State, has a deep history with STEM projects. Her father is a computer engineer, and her mother studied engineering in college, so her family oftentimes did STEM projects together when she was growing up, she said. Now, as a Utah State extension volunteer, she has the opportunity to do similar projects with students who may not have the same resources that she did at home.

Lucas Carpenter, 16, said Ivie was a great instructor who helped him learn about infrastructure and how to work as a team.

“If you learn to work as a team, that will affect every part of your education,” he said.

Lucas said he hopes to attend more events like the summer STEM camp in the future. ✦



Teens collaborate in a competition to build the tallest tower out of KEVA planks during a summer STEM camp at the Taylorsville Library –Tori La Rue

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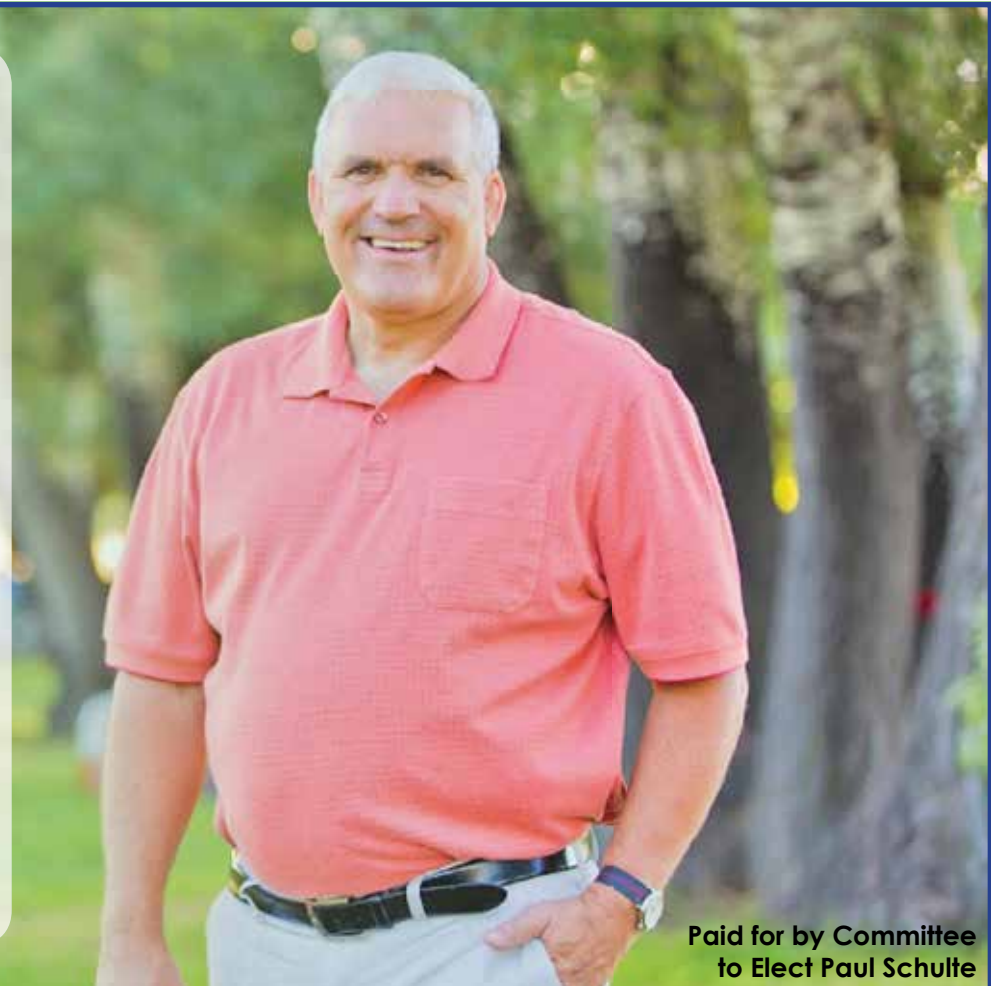
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Mayor Johnson

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ment. Throughout the year there are many exciting opportunities to learn about how Taylorsville and Utah's government work. One of the highlights of the year is when the council participates at "Day at the Legislature" -- a fun-filled day where we go to the state capitol to learn and hear from government officials.

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Chief Tracy Wyatt



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The following UPD Taylorsville Precinct Awards were presented by Taylorsville Precinct Chief TracyWyant along with Sheriff Jim Winder, Deputy Chief Shane Hudson and Lieutenant Randy Thomas at the City Council Meeting held on August 17th, 2016.



Officer Darin Watrous

Officer of the month - June 2016 Officer Darin Watrous

On May, 13, 2016, Officer Watrous handled a volatile situation with a possible kidnapping of an 11 year old girl by her mother. The mother does not have parental rights to the girl and is a known drug user. Through an extensive investigation Darin was able to make contact with the mother, verify the safety of the child and negotiate the child's safe return.

Later that night, Officer Watrous, while on proactive patrol, located a Toyota Camry parked in suspicious fashion. He ran the plate and discovered the vehicle had been used and outstanding in a robbery in Salt Lake City. Darin coordinated surveillance of the vehicle and notified SLCPD for felony processing.

In addition to the aforementioned and on the same evening, Officer Watrous was in the area of the Burger King on an unrelated call. He observed a male running north across 4700 S from the Burger King. Darin believed the actions to be odd and indicative of criminal behavior. Darin identified himself and commanded the suspect to stop. He did not comply. Darin caught up to the suspect and pointed his Taser at him. The suspect obeyed commands and was taken into custody. At the same time an employee from Burger King called to report a male had entered the store through the drive up window and took the money tray from their register. The stolen cash was found on the suspect and returned to the business.

On May 26, 2016, Officer Watrous observed a Honda Accord in the area of 6200 S Prairie View Dr. The driver of the Honda tried to avoid Darin and ducked into the neighborhood. Darin waited at the end of Prairie View Dr. The vehicle eventually came back towards him at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Darin gave out his location and asked dispatch to run the plate. The vehicle came back stolen out of Kearns. Darin drew his firearm and held the suspect until back up units arrived. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Officer Watrous is a leader on the graveyard shift and someone who is respected both personally and professionally. Darin is to be commended for his pro-active efforts in keeping the City of Taylorsville safe.



Officer Nathan Clark

Officer of the month - July 2016 Detective Nathan Clark

During July 2016 Detective Clark recovered numerous stolen vehicles. In addition, he conducted multiple investigations that resulted in the removal of several armed and dangerous criminals from our community.

On July 2nd, Detective Clark received information from a confidential informant (CI) regarding a fugitive who was armed and wanted for a recent shooting. Although Detective Clark was off duty, he was able to coordinate the case by talking with the CI on the phone and detectives on the police radio. The coordination resulted in the arrest of the suspect as well as the seizure of a handgun and a large quantity of ammunition.

On July 15th, Detective Clark obtained a search warrant for a room at the Crossland Economy Studios in Taylorsville. The suspect was identified as an armed parolee. Detectives successfully executed the search warrant. Two firearms, ammunition and 2.6 pounds of methamphetamine were recovered.

On July 23rd, Detective Clark obtained a search warrant for a female who was armed with a handgun and distributing methamphetamine. A traffic stop with the suspect and her boyfriend was conducted in Taylorsville. One half pound of methamphetamine and a handgun with the serial number obliterated were recovered.

Detective Clark is to be commended for his tenacity, attention to detail and resolve in the pursuit of some of our most dangerous career criminals.

Team Citation Award

Officer Hank Bessinger, Officer Gary Evans, Officer Matt Brownlee, Dispatcher Cecilia Holani, Dispatcher Anna Adrignola, Dispatcher Tiffany Twohill, Sergeant Dustin Fowler, Officer Jason Albrecht, Officer Cody Miskin, Officer Kyle Andrew, Officer Darin Watrous, Sergeant Thomas Mitchell, Officer Jordan Schmidt, Officer Troy Lopez, Officer Chris Sullivan, Officer Josh Thomas



On July 15, 2016, Officers responded to a shooting in Taylorsville. Two suspects fired multiple rounds into a home and fled. One of the rounds narrowly missed a two year old child sleeping in her bed.

A short time later, Sgt. Mitchell and Officer Schmidt heard shots being fired near the Millcreek substation. Sgt. Mitchell observed a car matching the description from the shooting in Taylorsville. The suspects observed Sgt. Mitchell and immediately fled. Because of the nature of the offense, Sgt. Mitchell gave chase. During the pursuit, Officer Lopez deployed spike strips as the suspects passed him, deflating the front driver's side tire.

The pursuit continued through multiple jurisdictions. Sgt. Fowler took incident command and made the appropriate notifications. At one point during the pursuit, Sgt. Mitchell observed the suspects toss a gun from the passenger window of the car. Sgt. Mitchell advised the location which resulted in its prompt recovery.

With a deflated tire, the pursuit began to slow and Sgt. Mitchell successfully used a P.I.T. maneuver at 800 S 900 E. The suspect vehicle spun around and steered the vehicle into Sgt. Mitchell's patrol car. Officer Andrew used his patrol car to pin the passenger side of the suspects' car. Multiple Officers converged and took the two suspects into custody without further incident. It was later determined that in addition to the residence in Taylorsville, four separate cars had been hit by gunfire in the Millcreek. In total, Officers seized two firearms and body armor from the case.

Multiple precincts worked together to end a crime spree by two armed and dangerous felons. This displayed teamwork is an example of the unity, effectiveness and capability of UPD. The Dispatchers, Officers and Sergeants involved in this incident are to be commended.

Thank you for all you do for our community and city!



Taylorsville Diversion Statistics: January - June 2016

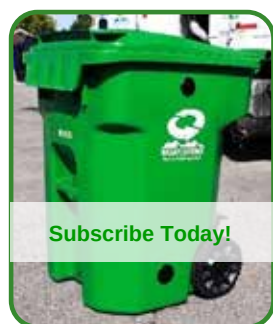


Taylorsville continues to show a strong support in recycling efforts. 19.8% of all recyclable materials in Taylorsville, including glass and green waste, has been diverted from the landfills this year, compared to 17.31% District-wide. At this time last year, the Taylorsville diversion rate was 18% (13.8% District-wide), and in 2014 it was 16% (18.1% District-wide).

We have outreach and educational programs available; and staff that can coordinate with community, youth, and school groups to learn about our programs and the benefits of proper recycling. For more information, our Outreach Coordinator, Jeffrey Summerhays, can be reached at (385) 468-6337.

Plastic Bags

Plastic bags are one of the biggest challenges with recycling. These bags, along with other stretch plastic materials, such as plastic wrap and bubble wrap, clog up the machinery at the recycling facilities causing hours of downtime. We ask and remind all residents to not place these materials in the blue recycle carts, and instead take them back to your local grocery stores. Most of these locations have bins at the store entrance to collect these materials for proper recycling.



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The Green Waste Collection Program is underway. This is a subscription-based program, and those interested in subscribing or getting more information can visit our website at www.wasatchfrontwaste.org. Taylorsville currently has 480 subscribers for our Green Waste Program. We ask residents to remember that green (yard) waste should NEVER be placed in the blue recycling cans. Placing green waste in the recycling cans contaminates the recycling load and makes the recyclable materials unusable.

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September Activities at Taylorsville Senior Center

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| Monday, September 5th | - Senior Center closed in observance of Labor Day. |
| Tuesday, September 6th | - Birthday Tuesday lunch. Come and help us celebrate our friends with birthdays in September. Special entertainment by Alan Brownlee from 11:30-12:30. |
| Thursday, September 8th | - Taylorsville City Emergency Preparation Fair- 2:00-10:00 pm. This will be held at the Senior Center. Everyone is invited to attend. |
| Monday, September 12th | - Bus trip to Dollar Tree at 10:30. |
| Wednesday, September 14th | - Presentation on Prehab presented by Anike from Legacy from 11:00-12:00. |
| Friday, September 16th | - Vital Aging class cancelled today. |
| Wednesday, September 21st | - Lunch will be at 11:30 and the center will be closing at 12:30 due to an all staff retreat. Sack lunches today. |
| Thursday, September 22nd | - 1 Mile Walk for fall prevention at 9:00, followed by our Health Fair from 10:00-1:00. Various vendors, services and door prizes. |
| Friday, September 23rd | - Chartered bus trip to Logan. Bus leaves at 9:00 am and returning around 4:00 pm. \$16.00 per person. Sign up and pay at the front desk. |
| Monday, September 26th | - Bus trip to Dollar Tree at 10:30. |
| Tuesday, September 27th | - In house Art Show featuring members artwork from 8:00 am-11:30, followed by special entertainment sponsored by Heart and Soul. Special Lunch at 12:00. |
| Thursday, September 29th | - Unclaimed Property Presentation at 11:30. |
| Friday, September 30th | - Candidate day at Taylorsville Senior Center at 11:00. Come and hear from your local politicians and representatives. |



Plymouth Elementary & Jr. High



For the month of September, our thoughts are turning to school starting for a new year. The Historic Preservation Comm. would like to bring to your attention how “Dear Old Golden School Days” came into play. School always started after labor day and closed before Memorial Day.

There were three prominent elementary schools in our community. First was the “Old Rock School House, located on the corner of 1175 West and 4800 South.

The teacher’s name was Emma Jane Webster who lived in the white house just south of the school on 4800 South. Both she and her sister Georgiana were local school teachers.

It served the students well until the “new” Plymouth School was built to open in 1906. In later years, Plymouth also served as a Jr. High and included a library. It was located on the corner of 4800 South and Redwood Road.

The students in Bennion attended the “Old School House” whose name changed many times. It was located on the site of 6200 South and Redwood Road, in the year 1905. The name of the school was changed three times in a four year period.

1905 64th District School

1906 South Taylorsville School

1908 Madison School - The Madison school site was sold to Bennion Ward, in 1921.

The following people served as principals of the school:

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Eliabeth Bennion	1907-1909
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Clarissa Saunders	1910-1911
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W.R. Wilson	1913-1915





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Night Out Against Crime



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City Officials, Chamber West, Economic Development Committee Members and Community Members participated in a Ribbon Cutting to welcome Wingstop to Taylorsville and celebrate their Grand Opening! They are located at 5650 South Redwood Road. Wingstop is the destination for fresh wings, hand-cut seasoned fries and one of their famous sides. Wingstop is more than a meal, it is a flavor experience. Check out their website for their full menu at www.wingstop.com

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Taylorsville Class of 1986: Where Are They Now?

By *Tori La Rue* | tori@mycityjournals.com

It's been 30 years since the Taylorsville Class of 1986 roamed the halls of Taylorsville High School, but a reunion on Aug. 26 and 27 brought the veteran Warriors back to their alma mater.

Because a lot can happen in 30 years, the Taylorsville Journal rounded up stories from some of the '86 graduates, to share their post-high school experiences with the community that saw them through their teenage years.



Jeff Isbell – The Entrepreneur
Jeff Isbell would have been voted “Most Likely to Not Succeed and Wind Up in Prison,” had that been a yearbook award, he said, but times change. Thirty years into the future, he’s the owner of Sun Print Solutions, a Utah-based company that employs more than 125 people—several of them Isbell’s classmates from Taylorsville High.

“High School was a hard time that was emotionally tough,” he said. “It was horrible. I was scared to death and 17, but life is pretty good right now. I’ve made it this long, and I’ll probably make it another 20 or 30 years.”

After graduation, Isbell knew it was time to leave his parents’ house and begin to fend for

himself. He started working construction, not knowing what profession he’d be interested in long term.

He meant to attend college, but by age 20 he was married with a couple of kids and found himself working as a delivery driver for a local printing company. Isbell had worked his way into management, and within 10 years he purchased the company in what he calls a “hostile takeover.”

The previous owners lived out of state, and Isbell was the boss and face of the company to the employees and customers, he said. The other employees were shocked to find out that Isbell didn’t own the company, so they backed him up when he forced the previous owners to sell him the business, he said.

“I’ve been here so long now,” Isbell said. “Financially, it’s been great for me, and I like the people. I get to choose the directions that we go, and I also like that.”



Jeff with his oldest daughter, whom he helped through a battle with cancer. –Jim Olsen

Isbell’s company bought out and merged with several other companies during the years of his ownership, but as successful as Isbell’s business has grown, he said his proudest moments have been seeing his two daughters grow up.

The entrepreneur keeps in contact with his friends from high school. His best friend, Todd Wilberger, also a class ‘86 alum, works with him, and the two spend time running together. Karen Andrews, one of the reunion planners, and Isbell grew up houses apart, and they still stay in touch.

Although he said he’d never go back to high school even if someone paid him over a million dollars, Isbell’s cherishes the friendships he made from Taylorsville Class of 1986.



Jim Olsen – The Planner

Jim Olsen’s mother was diagnosed with brain cancer during his first year at Taylorsville High. Although he didn’t tell anyone about her illness, he said he relied heavily on the support and friendship of the other teens at Taylorsville High School to get through the trial that was plaguing his family.

Several years after graduation, his mother

passed away. He wrote an obituary for her in which he asked for donations for the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

“When I arrived at her funeral there were no flowers, and it was stark and barren,” Olsen said. “You think someone—at least one of all of those people—wouldn’t follow directions. I was beginning to feel like I made a mistake when in walks this giant floral arrangement, and it says, ‘Sorry for your loss, Taylorsville Class of 1986’

“That’s one of those things that stays with you forever,” he said.”

Olsen, a former junior class officer and student body officer, took it upon himself to plan the school’s 30th reunion in an effort to give back to the classmates who brought some life into one of his hardest days. He and three other classmates planned the bulk of the Aug. 26–27 event.

Olsen moved away from Taylorsville to South Carolina for graduate school, but he stayed there after meeting a woman who later turned out to be his wife. While his children call South Carolina home, Olsen brings them to Taylorsville each year to get a taste of what it was like for their dad to grow up in the Salt Lake City suburb. The Olsens eat Leatherby’s ice cream, watch movies at the Redwood Drive-In Theatre and visit extended family members on their summer trips.



Crosspoint Church in Taylorsville hosted a BBQ luncheon for City Officials, Firefighters and Police Officers to express appreciation for their service. Thank you to Crosspoint Church for lunch and your contributions to our community.



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One of Jim Olsen's favorite dance pictures from high school—Jim Olsen



Nancy Mix Hedin – The Cake Artist

Nancy (Mix) Hedin described herself as a “wallflower” in high school who “wasn’t involved in too much.” Now she works full time for a health care company while raising three children and overseeing the local chapter of a service organization.

“I think it is natural to get more motivation when you get older because you see more need that you wouldn’t see in high school as a student,” she said.

Hedin dabbled in cake making for years, so when she heard about Birthday Cakes 4 Free, a California-based organization that provides free birthday cakes to financially and socially

disadvantaged children and seniors, she decided to start a Northern Utah chapter in 2014.

The first cake Hedin delivered was to a 72-year-old woman who was staying at the same aging services center in which her parents used to reside. It was the first birthday cake the woman had received in her adult life, and she was thrilled, according to Hedin.

“It’s nice to make people feel better with something as simple as a cake,” Hedin said. “It lets them know that someone out in the community cares.”

Her chapter of Birthday Cakes 4 Free delivered five more cakes during 2014, and in 2015 the service organization took off as more people heard about the initiative. About 35 volunteers joined her chapter, making 152 cakes in 2015 for seniors, children with disabilities, children in foster care and women in crisis



Nancy Hedin and her children deliver a birthday cake to a 72-year-old woman. Hedin oversees the Northern Utah Chapter of service organization Birthday Cakes for Free. —Nancy Hedin

centers. They’ve made and delivered 67 cakes so far in 2016.

Hedin tries to customize the cakes to the needs and interests of the recipients. She made a football-shaped fondant cake for a foster child who loved football and a cake with fondant animals for a blind child, so he could feel the animals on the cake. For legal and other reasons, Hedin doesn’t always get to hand-deliver the cakes, but she will often receive cards from her recipients.

“We did one [cake] for a little guy in a homeless shelter in Ogden, and he sent a picture he had drawn for us,” Hedin said. “It was a two-sided picture, and in the little kid’s drawing, it shows him sad before he got the cake, and it shows how happy he was after he got the cake. It was the sweetest thing. There’s a lot of people in tough situations, so it’s nice to know you have made their day a little better.”



Sean Lucas – The Dentist

Sean Lucas and Dena Lopez met in a weight-training class at Taylorsville High School. Fast Forward 30 years, and they’re married with three kids, living blocks from where they grew up.

“I guess you could say we haven’t made it very far in life,” Lucas joked.

But despite Lucas’ physical proximity to his high school roots, he’s leaps and bounds ahead of his high school self in other aspects. Lucas said his priorities “certainly weren’t education” in his teenage years, but after graduation, he went on to get a bachelor’s in biology from the University of Utah with a minor in chemistry before moving east to get his doctor of dental surgery from Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia.

Lucas later opened a private practice in Cottonwood Heights, and his wife made Taylorsville their home once again.

“A lot of my friends still live in the area, and it is close to everything. It’s seven minutes from where I work and 15 minutes to anything in Salt Lake,” Lucas said. “I like the community, and my family is still around here. We have great mountains and skiing. It’s a great place.”

Lucas’ two oldest children, Tabitha and Preston, graduated from Taylorsville High School, too. Tabitha, 24, will finish Salt Lake Community College’s dental hygiene program next year, and then she’ll be able to work in her dad’s practice with her parents, as her mom is

also a dental hygienist.

In addition to the private practice, Lucas, a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserves, is the Chief of Dental Services in the 302 Airlift Wing at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. He’d always wanted to join the Air Force Reserves, but it wasn’t until five years ago that his wife gave him the OK, he said. He spends one weekend a month on base.

When he’s not working on other people’s teeth or spending time with his family, Lucas can be found skiing and boating—hobbies he’s had since high school, because after 30 years, some things haven’t changed.



Tom Brooks – The Assimilator

Tom Brooks was involved in Taylorsville High School’s French and German clubs 1986, but his time might have been better spent in Japanese club, had that been an option.

Brooks’ interest in Japanese culture, language, food and people grew after high school graduation. He met and married his wife and secured a job at Department of State at the U.S. Embassy in Japan. The couple has made Japan their home for almost a quarter-century.

Within 30 years, Brooks had traded conversations at lockers and pulling out of the Taylorsville High School parking lot in his 1969 Ford Mustang for “a wonderful Japanese wife who can cover most ’80s heavy metal bands and a son in college whose good looks make me question if I am his father,” he said.

“I have seen and experienced things both in my personal and professional life that I could have never imagined back in high school,” Brooks said. “My confidence and view of the world have definitely changed me, and my family, career, and adopted country have definitely changed my life.”

The 30-year reunion was the first time Brooks had seen his friends from high school since their graduation, besides his friend Jim Olsen who’d visited him in Japan.

“My thoughts of my graduating class and the Taylorsville community are the same as they were back in 1986, frozen in carbonite like Han Solo,” Brooks said. “Good, happy thoughts of mostly nice, friendly, people living in what I remember or now consider to be a small community where people would help others.” ✦



A recent photo of Sean and Dena Lucas. The couple met in a weight training class at Taylorsville High School. —Sean Lucas



A recent picture of Tom Brooks. Tom currently lives with his family in Japan. —Tom Brooks

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Football Preview: ‘Endless Possibilities’ for Taylorsville Warriors

By *Tori La Rue* | tori@mycityjournals.com

Taylorsville High School hasn’t made it to the last round of the playoffs since 1999 when they lost the championship to Skyline High School, but this may be their year, according to head coaches Pala Vaituu and Rod Wells.

“We have lots of young kids, so in the beginning, I didn’t think they were ready, but (offensive coordinator) Wayne (Manu Tuinei) has done a good job being here during the whole season working with the offensive line and (Defensive coordinator Tyler) Haslam’s done a good job working with the defensive line, and so now, man, it’s just like we cannot wait to play,” Vaituu said. “So barring injury, I personally think we are going to have a really good season”

In the early-to-mid-2000s it wasn’t uncommon for Taylorsville football to claim one victory game each season, but in the past four years, the Warriors recorded more wins than in the prior 10 years combined. The football history that’s “haunted” the school for years, is beginning to change, according to Wells.

The coaches attribute their success to the coaching staff’s belief system and the players conduct on and off the field.

“The change hasn’t necessarily been tangible, but we really started to win when we decided to put God first,” said Haslam. “We really believe God put us here together to help build quality young men.”

The eight-member coaching staff works in unison, governed by the values and principles they agree on, according to Tuinei. The joint head coaches consider the rest of the coaching staff their team, so they regularly seek their input instead of dictating everything that should happen within the THS football program, Tuinei added.



The Taylorsville Warriors gear up for the 2016 season with a scrimmage game at their high school. –Aryana Apelu

While the coaches share similar core values, they never push that on their players, Vaituu said. Instead, they continually encourage each of their players to live true to himself by honoring his own heritage and religion. In this way, the THS football program focuses on preparing young men for more than the upcoming season, Manu Tuinei said.

“Kids learn things here about working hard and dedicating themselves to a cause, and these are skills that transfer over to other aspects of life,” he said. “Not every kid is going to go to the NFL and be a superstar. Not everyone is going to be a Division 1 football player, but if they can be good men in the community—good husbands and fathers, I think we have done really well.”

Vaituu and Wells’ coaching staff has been in place four years. Since that time, THS administrators said they’ve noticed a difference in the conduct of football players.

“They’ve stopped bullying kids, and they’ve stopped hazing,” Vaituu said. “I think it’s really good for the school to see the transition of these kids.”

Quarterback Dane Leituala, left tackle Ewan Manu-Tuinei, linebacker Dylan Apelu, cornerback Tama Wilson, defensive end Josh Sterzer, wide receiver Jace Simons, tight end Chase Hess and defensive end T.J. Hess have changed what it means to be a football player at Taylorsville High School, Vaituu said.

“Those kids right there, they are the ones that lead this team,” Vaituu said. “If these kids were bad kids, then the rest of them would be just following after them, but most of our kids are following these guys, and they are great examples of just being great all-around—classroom, field, socially. I mean we have been blessed with good kids, and they are the ones that are actually moving this program forward—they and the kids who came before them.”

Recent players have improved Taylorsville’s program by bringing college recruiters to the school, something that rarely happened previously, Wells said. Rated as one of the top high

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school defensive ends in the nation by ESPN, Mufi Hunt had offers from many colleges, but decided on Michigan State, defensive lineman Lyric Bartley chose Washington State, and Lewitt Savini, also a defensive lineman, signed with El Camino College.

Vaituu hopes to see more players go on to play college football, and he believes his young 2016 team has time to develop the skills it takes to play at that level, he said. One of the players the coaches are most excited about is their varsity quarterback, Dan Leituala, who started as a freshman last year and ran for nearly 1,800 yards and passed for about 1,700. He's back for year two.

"We are really excited because his knowledge and grasp of the concepts we are running is just—oh, it is night and day from last year until now, and so we expect some really big numbers with that quarterback," Vaituu said.

Equally as important to the team is their starting left tackle Ewan Manu-Tuinei, who started his freshman and sophomore years, Vaituu added.

"It is nice to have a really good quarterback, and it's nice to have someone who is protecting his blindside, so we'll be blessed to have those two athletes playing together for another two years," Vaituu said.

Talorsville may not have the breath that other teams do, but their solid starters bring the potential for an amazing season, Wells said.

"Barring injury, I think the possibilities for us are endless," Wells said. "We have the kids—who knows? If we can stay healthy and stay within ourselves and stay focused on our core beliefs of the program, you know, I think the sky's the limit for us." ✦



Talorsville Warriors run the ball during a scrimmage game at Taylorville High School. —Aryana Apelu



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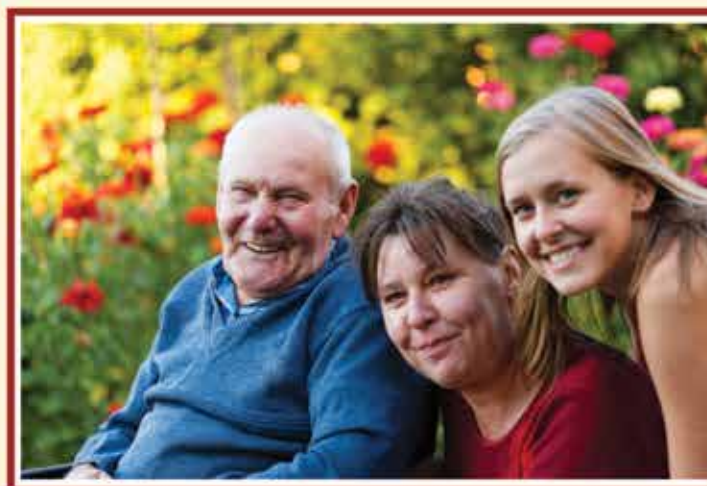
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PiNG (Professionals Networking Group)
meets weekly on Wednesdays

September 15 – Board of Governors Meeting

September 7-8 – Leadership Institute Kick-off

September 22 – Monthly Chamber Luncheon
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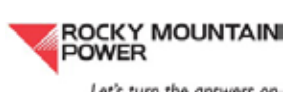


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Children Try a Tri at Taylorsville Event

By *Tori La Rue* | tori@mycityjournals.com

Over 100 spectators watched as racers, many of them children, leapt into the pool, sped through a park on bikes and sprinted to the finish line during Taylorsville Fitness and Recreation Center's fifth annual triathlon.

The Taylorsville Triumph Youth and Family Triathlon is a super sprint race, meaning the distance of each event is shortened, making it the perfect triathlon for children, said Ryan Roghaar, program coordinator. Participants swam 150 meters biked 4.6 miles and ran 1.2 miles.

"I run tris all over the place, but this is the only one that caters to my kids, so it was kind of fun to get them involved, and I brought some friends," said Derek Jones, a participant. "It's just an easy-to-do, short, fun, low-pressure, great little race."

Ryker Jones, 11, now knows that the triathlons his dad participates in are easy, he said. Ryker said he and his brother Cole, 10, trained for their first triathlon by signing up for a 5k and wanting to play the XBOX frequently.

"My dad has a rule that we can only play the XBOX if we run a couple laps," Cole explained.

Cole said he enjoyed the triathlon and wants to participate in the event next year. Cole and Ryker sported their participant medals as they walked around to cool off after the race.

Kylan Olson, 12, who has participated in the race each year since its beginning, got third place overall. Kylan's sister, Kelti Olson, 9, and his cousins Gavin Miller, 9, and Samatha Miller, 12, participated in the race because they love being sporty and competing against each other, Kelti said.

"The hardest part about the race is to not die," Kylan said.

"And to not stop and keep going," Kelti added.

Mike Olsen, Kelti and Kylan's father, cheered his children, niece and nephew on as he watched them from the sidelines. He was all smiles as he watched them cross the finish line.



A boy pedals down 2700 West by the Taylorsville Fitness and Recreation Center during the center's fifth annual triathlon. —Tori La Rue

"It's exciting watching them do something hard and do so well at it. They have more guts than I have," he said. "I won't do it, but they are always eager to do it. It is something they look forward to every year."

The group of siblings and cousins congratulated each other, each of them getting between first and third place in their divisions.

At 9:30 a.m.—one hour after the start of the race—most participants had finished. Recreation center staff members wrote each participant's time and place down on a little card that they handed out at the end of the event. It was a way for the racers to know their scores without the results being posted online or in front of everyone, because the point of the recreation center's super sprint is completion not beating others, Roghaar said. ✦



A boy begins the running portion of the Taylorsville Triumph Youth and Family Triathlon. —Tori La Rue

Salt Lake County Council's
Message

Council invests in Equestrian Park's future

By Salt Lake County Councilwoman Aimee Winder Newton



After many months of meetings and ongoing communication between horse owners, county staff, and community members, the future of the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park is now set. We recently voted as the Salt Lake County council to keep the park in it's current form but also to invest in a litany of deferred maintenance needs in the park.

This park has been a long-standing fixture of our South Jordan community, and the county as a whole. Unfortunately, many maintenance needs of the park had not been adequately funded and addressed over the years. In addition, as a county we lacked good information about the actual use of the park among members of the community. In essence - the county was not investing in the park properly, and was not understanding the full value of the park sufficiently.

I first posed questions about this park in the fall 2015 budget process, and then again in a blog post in January 2016. My position was clear - if we as a county are going to have an equestrian park, we need to be willing to invest in it, as well as measure the actual use and value to the community.

For the past six months, a dedicated group of equestrian park advocates (known as the Equestrian Park Coalition) worked diligently to provide good information to me as well as other council members. They shared new information about the

various events at the park, the level of use, and most importantly shed light on the many maintenance needs of the park.

Thanks to their hard work in collaborating with our county parks department, we now have a clear vision for the future of the park. This group also recommended some fee increases to users of the park.

Some of the deferred maintenance repairs include things like: new restrooms for park users, entry gates with controlled access points that will give us more precise data on park use, upgrading or renovating some of the barns for the horses, and upgrading footing (dirt) where applicable.

These are just some of the many deferred maintenance needs that will be addressed through this investment. In addition, the fee structure adjustment will help enhance the park's revenue stream to better fund its operations.

The controlled access points will give us precise data on the number of users of the park, as well as let us better collect appropriate usage fees.

We are also creating an ongoing Equestrian Park User Advisory and Oversight Committee, which will be an official mechanism through which users can provide valuable feedback to county staff as well as the park's management.

I'm excited about these improvements and the positive



Horses in their stalls at the Salt Lake County Equestrian Center. The aged stalls are part of along list of possible renovations that new funding could bring to the facility. - Kimberly Roach

impact they will have on the equestrian park. This is an example of good civic engagement at its best. Members of the public effectively and respectfully educated the council, and we've incorporated their feedback into the plan moving forward. ✦

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Ah, It's here, fall. Here come the treasured foods of warmth, kids back in school, Halloween and that wonderful sound of crunching leaves under your feet when you head outside. There is nothing like the splendor of our amazing canyons with their fiery colors this time of year – anywhere else.

Enjoying our canyons in the fall season is not only beauty to the eyes; it can be as cheap as a few gallons of gas and a picnic lunch too. Whether you're leaf watching consists of a quick scenic drive on a Sunday afternoon or a weekend stay amid the trees, we can agree that, when the conditions are right, autumn time in Utah is worth celebrating.

Here are a few ideas of where to see fall leaves that won't disappoint. Lets start with The Grand Prix of Leaf Watching (Heber, Midway, and Sundance) By picking a central location; you can spend the weekend enjoying beautiful colors and a variety of fun activities in all directions.

Midway

If you are looking for a unique adventure amid the fall foliage, Homestead Resort in Midway welcomes you. The sprawling cottages provide the perfect setting and destination for the most devoted leaf watcher and a place we try to visit yearly. When the day is done, take a dip in the Crater where the temperature is always a balmy 90-96 degrees. You can find a discount for Crater swimming on Coupons4Utah.com/

Heber

No matter where you are coming from, Heber always feels like home. Heber's small town charm is a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of big city life. When it comes to fall activities, Heber is the one of the best destinations for family fun.

For many, the Heber Valley Railroad is a longtime family

tradition for every season. Come ride the Pumpkin Train, but be sure to stay and celebrate the Annual Scarecrow Festival or brave through the spine-tingling Sleepy Hollow Haunted Wagon Ride.

More adventurous visitors may choose to soar from above and take in the views on one of two different courses with Zipline Utah. The Flight of the Condor course spans 4 zipline and a suspension bridge. The Screaming Falcon is the world's longest zipline course over water! It consists of over 2 miles of 10 ziplines and 7 suspension bridges, while also showing you some of the most amazing views Utah has to offer Visit coupons4utah.com for news about available discounts on the train and/or the Zipline.

Sundance

Nestled at the base of Mount Timpanogos, Sundance Ski Resort places you right in the middle of the fall splendor. After a day of enjoying the fall colors, you can savor wonderful cuisine made special from local and organic growers. For as low as \$29.00 you can enjoy a fabulous adventure on the Bearclaw or Halloween Zipline Tour at Sundance or choose to ride the tram up for some amazing views from above. Details are on coupons4utah.com.

Emigration Canyon

Take Sunnyside east past the zoo where you'll find dozens of trails full of fall color. Make a day of it and stop by the historic Ruth's Diner for a lunch on their fantastic patio.

Silver Lake at Brighton Ski Resort

The good news, the easy access for people of all ages doesn't detract from the beauty. The lake is just large enough to provide amazing colors and scenic views and small enough for the littlest of fans to enjoy the stroll.

Guardsman Pass

This is a beautiful and quiet drive offers breathtaking views. The winding road takes you from Deer Valley over to Park City and Midway.

Mirror Lake Highway Reaching north from Kamas, Utah, to Evanston, Wyoming, traverses nearly 80 miles through the Uinta Mountains. The highway has panoramic views of the alpine landscape from the road's high point at Bald Mountain Pass. There are also numerous lakes that offer splendid view including its namesake Mirror Lake.

Red Butte Gardens

It may seem cliché to suggest visiting the gardens. But if you are stuck in the city and need a quick change in environment to recharge your spirit, Red Butte doesn't disappoint no matter the season. Take a sack lunch with you; there are some wonderfully tranquil little hideaways for lunching at the gardens

Wheeler Historic Farm

Wheeler Farm is a kids favorite with its mature leafy trees, open grassy space, and rustic buildings, and don't forget the super cute farm animals Wheeler Farm is a great place for the family to visit. Remember to take your camera for this one. Wheeler farm is a photographers dream.

Last, I want to share with you a secret little stop in Draper. Beautiful Leaves can be as close as the next neighborhood over. Go east on Wasatch Blvd. until you reach Hidden Valley Park. Follow the Bonneville Shoreline Trail as it wraps around the east bench where you'll find amazing views of the valley.

These are just a few of the magnitude of places Utah offers for enjoy fall. Where is your favorite place to see the beauty of fall? ➔

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Survival of the Fittest



I've always associated Yellowstone Park with abject terror. A childhood vacation to this national park guaranteed me a lifetime of nightmares.

It was the first time we'd taken a family vacation out of Utah and we were ecstatic. Not only would we stay in a motel, but we'd see moose, bears and cowboys in their natural habitat.

We prepared for a car ride that would take an entire day, so I packed several Nancy Drew mysteries, and some Judy Blume and Madeleine L'Engle novels just in case. Because my parents couldn't hand us an iPad and tell us to watch movies for six hours, we brought our Travel Bingo cards with the transparent red squares that you slid over pictures of silos, motor homes and rest areas.

For more car fun, there was the license plate game, the alphabet game, sing-alongs, ghost stories and slug bug. Even then, we got bored. Dad decided he'd prepare us for the Yellowstone Park adventure that lay ahead of us.

That's when the trouble started.

He told us how beautiful the park was. Then he explained if we fell into a geyser, the heat would boil the flesh off our bones and bleach those bones bright white, and those bones would never be found. He told us when (not if) we encountered bears, we had to play dead or the bears would eat us. We even practiced drills in the car.

Dad would yell "Bear!" and we'd all collapse across the station wagon seats (we didn't wear seat belts) until the danger had passed. (It usually took an hour or so.)

He said if we wandered away, it would take just a few days until we died of starvation—unless the bears got us first. He warned us to stay away from every animal, describing in detail the series of rabies shots we'd need if a chipmunk bit us.

We were cautioned to avoid high ledges (we'd fall to our deaths), moose (we'd be trampled), buffalo (again with the trampled) and the requisite stranger warning (we'd be kidnapped). By the time we reached Yellowstone, dad had thoroughly instilled us with horror.

When we arrived at the motel, we frantically ran to our room, afraid there were bears, moose or chipmunks waiting to drag us off into the woods.

That night, as we climbed into bed, Dad tucked us in and said, "Technically we're sleeping on a huge volcano that could erupt at any time and blow up the entire state of Wyoming. See you in the morning. Probably."

The next day, he was perplexed when we didn't want to get within 125 feet of a geyser, when we didn't want to be photographed near a bison or when we refused to gaze into a boiling hot spot. My sister started crying, "I don't want to fall in and have bleached bones."

Then there was Old Faithful. Dad had built up our expectations to the point that anything less than a geyser that spewed glitter, fairies and candy would be a disappointment.

We were underwhelmed.

But the souvenir shop redeemed our entire vacation. We were each given \$5 to spend, which was a wealth of frivolity. I chose a doll in a green calico dress with beautiful red hair—because nothing says "Yellowstone National Park" like an Irish lassie.

As we left the park (with my sister quietly weeping because she'd changed her mind about which souvenir she wanted), we were thrilled to be returning home in one piece. But then my dad said, "We should visit Timpanogos Cave. Have I told you about the bats?" ✦



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